

ELECTION OF SPECIES IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Official Action dated September 20, 2000, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-10.

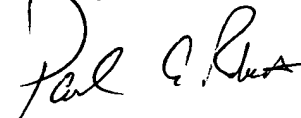
Having fully responded to the Office Action, it is urged that all the claims currently pending patentability distinguish over the prior art and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, an indication of allowability is respectfully solicited.

However, if there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 13-2491 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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